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President Vonk Presented with American Oil Grant

## OC RECEIVES \$250,000

### MATCHING GIFT

**Dr. Pinholster** announced that the College was awarded a grant in the amount of \$250,000. The donor must remain anonymous and, in order for the offer to be realized, the College Development Campaign Committee must raise sufficient funds to match the grant.

Another grant, in the amount of \$2,500 and unrestricted as to its use, was received from the American Oil Foundation. The grant was presented by Mr. Howard Kemper, Marketing Manager and representative of American Oil, to **President Vonk**.

The 1969-70 Annual Development Committee project is an effort to transform **LOWRY HALL** into an air-conditioned, refurbished, well-equipped four floor library. It is anticipated that these grants and subsequent matching funds combined will not only renovate **LOWRY HALL** for a modern library, but a full \$100,000 will be available for the purchase of new books.

## PETRELS HAVING WINNING SEASON

**Coach Norwood** and his team deserve much praise and encouragement for their splendid performances during the basketball season thus far. Although this is **Coach Norwood's** first year as head coach of the **Petrels**, he has compiled thus far a record of 11-3, including four wins in the last five games. One big factor in the recent surge, a factor bound to make Oglethorpe a year-end tournament threat, is the tremendous play of guard **Ernie Crain**. His shooting has bordered on the unbelievable and he might definitely be mentioned among the All-American roster. In the last five games, the only loss came to Tennessee State in Nashville. The latest four wins came versus Mercer, 66-57 and 87-70, South Alabama, 87-62, and Shorter, 86-50. However, road encounters with menacing teams like Albany State, West Florida, and Georgia Southern, are upcoming; but with a successful outcome in these games, Oglethorpe would have another shot at the NCAA tournament.

### Schedule for Remainder of 1970 Basketball Season:

February	2	University of South Alabama	Mobile, Ala.
	4	University of West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.
	10	Clark College	Atlanta, Ga.
	14	Georgia Southern College	Statesboro, Ga.
	17	Tennessee State A & I University	Home
	19	University of Chattanooga	Home
	21	University of West Florida	Home
	23	Georgia State College	Home
	26	Mercer University	Macon, Ga.
March	2	University of Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.

Home games are played in the Oglethorpe Field House at 8 p.m. and all alumni are urged to attend.



Coach Norwood

## THE ALUMNI CHALLENGE



R. L. "Jack" Dempsey

*During Alumni Day 1969, Mrs. Virginia O'Kelly Dempsey talked with me very briefly about a desire to assist the alumni effort of 1970. Her comments were encouraging but did not prepare me for the very great surprise her letter of December 26, 1969, produced.*

*The primary message of her letter was an offer to contribute \$5,000 to the alumni effort if all other alumni will raise \$15,000 by May 30, 1970. The contribution will be made as a memorial to her husband, Jack Dempsey, class of 1929.*

*In a telephone conversation with Mrs. Dempsey, she revealed the fact that her primary motivation stems from the desire to see LOWRY HALL completely reconstructed for a four floor library.*

*Mr. Jack Dempsey was a member of Oglethorpe College Trustees at the time of his death. He and Virginia have long been active members of the alumni association and the Boosters Club. Some of their sports enthusiasm surely stemmed from the fact that Jack wore the Stormy Petrel football pads while a student here. The couple attended every University of Florida football game (at home and many that were away) for many years.*

*Virginia now resides in Tampa. In this city, Mr. Dempsey developed an outstanding reputation as a business and civic leader. He was owner of a large automobile dealership and one of the founders and chairman of the board of a bank. He had many related business interests. The spirit of Oglethorpe College was always present in any group if the Dempseys' were present. Virginia has expressed a wish to see an alumni unit developed in the greater Tampa area.*

*This offer comes in the true spirit of Oglethorpe. The alumni will surely respond in kind. Every \$15.00 gift will result in a total of \$20.00. Every \$75.00 will get \$100.00. I have talked with a number of alumni officers and class captains. All are dedicated to reaching the goal.*

*For her encouragement and financial offer, we salute Virginia Dempsey and pledge our untiring efforts to meet the challenge.*

*Sincerely,*

*Elaine Law  
President, Alumni Association*

## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

	PAID	PLEGDED
ALUMNI	\$ 4,549.00	\$ 375.00
BOOSTER	1,235.00	65.00
CORPORATIONS	5,075.00	670.00
FOUNDATIONS	29,586.89	-0-
INDIVIDUALS	2,190.00	-0-
(Including Trustees and President's Council)		
TOTAL	\$42,635.89	\$1,110.00

## OGLETHORPE ADULT CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 16

Oglethorpe announces its Winter Session of Adult Non-Credit Courses. This marks the second year that these stimulating and rewarding courses have been offered to the general public as a result of the expansion of the Continuing Education Department. Classes begin the week of February 16 and are offered in the evenings at either 6:00 or 7:30. The meetings are one night a week for eight weeks and the cost per course is ten dollars.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday	6:00	Techniques in Sales and Marketing Shorthand II — 1st Half
Monday	7:30	Greatest Events of Western Civilization
Tuesday	6:00	Elementary Mathematics
Tuesday	7:30	Oriental Flower Arranging Creative Writing of the Short Story Introductory Data Processing Portrait Painting
Wednesday	6:00	Shorthand II — 2nd Half Painting and Drawing
Wednesday	7:30	Ceramics and Sculpture
Thursday	7:30	Major Religions of the World Investing and the Stock Market

Information and a brochure can be obtained by calling the College at **261-1441**. This affords an excellent opportunity for the alumni to return to the campus. Register now!

## FALL ADMISSIONS NEWS

The number of accepted students for admission Fall Semester, 1970, is running considerably higher than last year. So, from present indications, even though we have raised our admission standards, it would seem that more students than ever will be enrolled by Oglethorpe in the fall. **Dr. Garland Pinholster**, Dean of Administration, and his staff are to be highly commended for the student information program. Prospective students and their parents are continually visiting the campus and such visitations are a part of the admissions policy in that potential students are strongly encouraged to actually come to Oglethorpe before they matriculate.



## ALUMNI NEWS

**E. L. Brantly, '28**, is Assistant Superintendent and director of secondary curriculum for the Henry County School System in Alabama.

**Alfred A. York, '28**, retired at the end of 1969 after serving twenty-two years with Walker Martin, Inc. in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Charles T. Gifford, '32**, 1969 marked his twenty-fifth year of service as a peace officer for the State of Georgia. Mr. Gifford is associated with the Cobb County Police Department in Marietta, Georgia.

**Charles C. King, '39**, and his wife live in Milledgeville, Georgia, where he is principal of an elementary school in the Baldwin County School System. Mr. and Mrs. King have one married daughter, Carolyn Larson, and a son, Philip, who attends Georgia College.

**Zola Marshall, '45**, is employed as a psychometrist in the Area IV office of the Atlanta Public School System.

**Etta G. Bates, '48**, is serving as Principal, Isabella Elementary School, Daugherty County, Albany, Georgia.

**Richard H. Stroller, '49**, works as Branch Manager with the New York Stock Exchange firm of A. G. Edwards & Sons in Columbus, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Stroller have one daughter, Susan, who is a junior at the University of Alabama.

**Donald J. Bloemer, '53**, is presently Franchise Director and Vice President of Learning Foundations International, Inc., located in Athens, Georgia. **Jane Cowart Bloemer, '52**, received her M.Ed. degree from the University of Georgia in 1969. The Bloemers have three daughters and a son.

**Mae Y. Westbrook, '53**, retired in 1969 after teaching elementary school for forty-six years in Cobb and Cherokee County schools.

**Ila Varelman McCoy, '58**, and her husband, Donald, announce the birth of Scott Christopher on August 21, 1969. The McCoy's, who also have a two-year old son Mark, reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Mary Anne Sharp, '58**, is completing work on her master's degree at Emory University and also teaches school in the Atlanta School System. Miss Sharp is director of the Decatur Civic Chorus which toured Europe and participated in the International Music Festival held in Wales.

**Barbara Marsh Gotsch, '60**, was selected as Outstanding Jaycette in Georgia in 1969 and was also honored by being named as one of the Outstanding Young Women in American 1969-70. Mrs. Gotsch resides in Roswell, Georgia, with her husband and their two children.

**Joseph M. Harb, '61**, was awarded his Ph.D. degree in Biology from Tulane University and is currently on the faculty of Tulane University Medical School. His major field of interest is electronmicroscopic research on heart disease.

**James L. DeLay, '64**, is, at the present time, employed as a vinyl chemist with Flexible Products Company in Marietta, Georgia. Mr. DeLay, before joining the company, served three years with the United States Army with his last year being stationed in South Vietnam as a platoon leader with the 1st Infantry Division.

**Charlotte Smith Winsness, '64**, and **John Howard Winsness, '64**, announce the birth of a son, Shannon Kent, on February 27, 1967. The Winsnesses make their home in Tucker, Georgia.

**Elizabeth Primm, '65**, received her M.A.T. degree from Duke University in 1967 and is presently Director of the Reading Department at the Georgia Institute for Neurological Development in Atlanta.

**G. Hoyt Wagner, '65**, was recently promoted to supervisor of Commodity Planning Groups, Bendix Launch Support Division, located at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. Mr. Wagner's group is responsible for the planning and scheduling of propellant support for the Apollo missions. Mrs. Sandra Wagner is teaching second grade at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Cocoa, Florida.

**Adrian Elson, '66**, was married July 23, 1967 to Neill Fleishman. The couple are living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina where Mr. Fleishman is attending law school.

**Anthony P. Franceschelli, '68**, married **Candy Fennimore**, a former student at OC on June 1, 1969. They are currently living in South Weymouth, Mass., where Mr. Franceschelli is associated with Press Publishing Company.

**Robert Furman, '68**, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from Officer's Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. Lt. Furman is being assigned to Vance AFB, Oklahoma, for pilot training.

**Ted Kallman, '68**, and **Judith Mossman, '68**, were married June 22, 1969. Mr. Kallman is completing study for his Ph.D. degree in history at Michigan State University after receiving his M.S. degree in June of 1969. Mrs. Kallman will be awarded her M.S.W. degree in June, 1970. The couple live in Haslett, Michigan.

**Paula Haver, '69**, is presently a graduate student at Duke University studying for her M.Ed. degree. Miss Haver is involved with the Therapeutic Educational Program which sets up demonstration kindergartens for Durham County and City schools.

**Kristin Haug, '69**, presently teaches mentally retarded children in the Special Education Department of Avondale Elementary School.

## PLACEMENT OFFICE BUSY WITH OC STUDENTS

Now, as in previous years, Oglethorpe provides its graduates with a placement service to aid them in securing employment upon the completion of their college careers. Many alumni who have become established in the business and professional community, could aid Oglethorpe in serving the students' employment needs. When a job opening becomes available, the alumni could simply contact, or have their Personnel Departments contact, the Placement Office on the campus and an interview with a graduating Senior would be arranged. If the qualifications required by the Company are described, the Placement Director will make these available to the applicants.

In addition, many students are interested in part-time employment during school semesters and full time Summer work to help defray college expenses. Should this type of employment be necessary, students can be lined up through the College Placement Office. Alumni cooperation in these projects would result in benefits for both the Companies and OC students.

## DR. G. MALCOLM AMERSON APPOINTED DEAN OF COLLEGE

**Dr. G. Malcolm Amerson**, Assistant Professor of Biology and Assistant Dean, has been appointed Dean of The College by **President Paul K. Vonk**. Dr. Amerson succeeds **Dean Edward Garrett** who has served as Dean since the Spring of 1968. Dean Garrett is leaving Oglethorpe in order to enter business.

The very likeable "Doc" Amerson, as he is called by his students, will assume his duties on February 1, 1970, and will continue teaching biology during the next semester. A native of Georgia, Dean Amerson was educated at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree. His graduate study was done at Clemson University where he earned both his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

President Vonk commented, after making the appointment, "Dean Amerson is an energetic and personable teacher and scholar who will go a long way in college administration. In his position as Assistant Dean and Director of the Evening Division he has demonstrated outstanding leadership. Oglethorpe college is fortunate to have Dr. Amerson available for this position."

Dean Amerson resides on Hermance Drive on the campus with his lovely wife Jo and his daughter Jennifer.

### GEA DAY BREAKFAST

**For Oglethorpe Alumni in Education Careers, March 13, 1970**

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